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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room B , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	05/21/2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

Meredith Sullivan, Professional Member, President, Presiding
Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member
Roberta Burtch, Professional Member (2:12 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Valerie Cloutier, Public Member
Lisa Marencin, Professional Member
Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Kelly, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tonya Coats, Professional Member, Secretary
Wilbert Miller, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Cynthia Parker
Jacqueline Truluck, EBS/DSHA

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2013

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 19, 2013 meeting. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the minutes with a noted correction. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update from SLPA Committee

Ms. Sullivan advised the Board that the Committee continued to revise the proposed drafts. She provided the Board with a brief synopsis of the proposed changes. The Committee is scheduled to meet on May 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., and it is anticipated that the revisions will be completed during this meeting.

Review Previously Tabled Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure

The Board reviewed the previously tabled extension request for Shawn Butler. Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Ms. Marencin, to grant a 90 day extension on Mr. Butler's license beginning on April 24, 2013. Motion unanimously carried.

Ms. Butch made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to amend the agenda to discuss LaRonda Moore's application. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Williams advised the Board that Ms. Moore did not pass the Hearing Aid Dispenser exam after her second attempt. According to the regulations she must complete another training period and wait one year to re-test, but a license is required to do so. Ms. Williams spoke to Ms. Moore prior to the meeting and advised her of the necessary documents which were required to request an extension. At this time, Ms. Williams has not received the documentation from Ms. Moore, but her license has not yet expired. Ms. Williams requested that if Ms. Moore submits the required documents prior to her license expiring that the documentation be sent to the Board contacts via e-mail for review.

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to forward the documentation submitted by Ms. Moore to Dr. Xenakes and Dr. Connolly-Gaskin for review. The documentation must be received prior to Ms. Moore's license expiring in order to grant an extension. Motion unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Supervision of Audiology Students – Dr. Cynthia Parker (2:15 p.m.)

Dr. Parker addressed the Board requesting clarification of the regulations regarding the supervision of audiology students. Dr. Parker advised the Board that this was previously discussed by the Board in 2007, but no additional action has been taken since that time. Audiology students are required to complete a one year externship, prior to the degree being conferred. Ms. Kelly advised Dr. Parker that there is nothing in the statute regarding externships. The Board is prohibited from offering legal advice to citizens or businesses. Dr. Parker suggested that the Board consider creating a provisional audiology license for the individuals who are required to complete their externship. She also suggested that the Board define personal supervision, which will provide guidance for the supervisors.

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to form an audiology subcommittee upon completion of the SLPA subcommittee, as this takes precedence over the issues surrounding tele-practice. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Previously Tabled Continuing Education Request

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the following continuing educational activity as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Licensee: Jessica Joynes **Approved**
Sponsor: Sussex Consortium
Activity: Dynavox Workshop Series: Exploring the Maestro in Home and School Settings
Contact Hours: 3.0 CS

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Connolly-Gaskin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to approve the following continuing educational activity as noted below. Motion unanimously carried.

Sponsor: American Academy of Audiology **Approved**
Activity: Audiology Now! 2013
Contact Hours: 39 CS & 39 PG

Licensee: Rona Budovitch **Approved**
Sponsor: Apple Education
Activity: Reaching All Learners
Contact Hours: 2.5 CS

Licensee: Rona Budovitch **Approved**
Sponsor: Center for Disabilities Studies
Activity: Social Skills Networking Session: Delaware Positive Behavior Support Project
Contact Hours: 4.0 CS

Licensee: Rona Budovitch **Approved**
Sponsor: Center for Disabilities Studies
Activity: Inclusion: It Should Just be How We Roll
Contact Hours: 5.0 PG

Licensee: Sharon Graney **Approved**
Sponsor: Summit Professional Education
Activity: Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia & Right Brain Thinkers
Contact Hours: 6.0 PG

Review Request for Extension of Temporary Licensure

Ms. Marencin moved, seconded by Ms. Cloutier to grant a 1 year extension on the temporary hearing aid dispenser license for Dorothy Jones. Motion unanimously carried.

Ratification of Permanent Speech Pathologist Application

Ms. Marencin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cloutier, to ratify the permanent speech pathologist application for Teresa Finland. Motion unanimously carried.

Proposal for Criminal Background Check Requirement

Ms. Warren informed the Board that the Division is putting forward a bill for healthcare boards. This bill would require all applicants and eventually all licensees to have a criminal background check completed. The bill would automatically bar an applicant or automatically revoke a license if an individual has been convicted of a felony sex offense. Ms. Warren questioned the Board if they would like to be included with the bill.

Ms. Cloutier moved, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to indicate to the Division of Professional Regulation that they support the bill and would like to be included in it. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business before the Board

Ms. Williams advised the Board that she has not updated the continuing education request forms at this time because the Division will be implementing a fee requirement for course providers. The form will be updated when the process goes in to effect.

Ms. Sullivan questioned if the public members will eventually be reviewing applications for fast-tracking. Ms. Williams advised Ms. Sullivan that the Board previously decided that the professional members will be the only members reviewing applications for fast-tracking purposes at this time.

Ms. Sullivan also inquired as to if audit notices can be sent electronically. Ms. Williams advised Ms. Sullivan that at this time, audit notices are being sent via mail, due to some licensees not having access to e-mail.

Public Comment

Ms. Virion inquired about the process for continuing education requests.

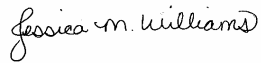
Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Ms. Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Dr. Xenakes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica M. Williams".

Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II